



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Mississippi Trauma Advisory Committee  
Minutes

**September 1, 2011**

**10:00 a.m.**

**570 East Woodrow Wilson Blvd, Jackson, MS**

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Members Present

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- **William "Pete" Avara, MD, Chairman**
- **Rick Carlton, MD**
- **Clyde Deschamp, PhD**
- **Rodney Frothingham, MD**
- **Hugh Gamble, MD**
- **Jerry Howell**
- **Amber Kyle, RN**
- **Tony McCallum**
- **John Nelson, MD**
- **John Porter, MD**
- **Josh Wenzel**
- **Jonathon Wilson, RN**
- **Ben Yarbrough, MD**

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Agenda

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- **Call to Order/Acceptance of Minutes**
    - Meeting called to order by Dr. Avara at 10:11 a.m.
    - Motion to approve Minutes of June 9, 2011 meeting made by Dr. Carlton, seconded by Dr. Nelson. Motion passed.
  - **Strategic Planning Conference reports - EMS Road Map**
    - Dr. Deschamp reported on the EMS Roadmap. With the addition of other systems of care, especially STEMI and Stroke, within the near future, EMS, and to some extent Emergency Medicine, will be stressed beyond current capability to support all three systems simultaneously. Dr. Deschamp gave a number of recommendations including regional medical communications and consolidation of the various organizational groups into a single management structure, similar to the way the State Trauma PI Committee is including STEMI as a sub-committee. The recommendation of the committee was to address this issue to EMSAC, with the
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advocacy of MTAC, to look into innovative ways to use limited EMS resources to support Trauma, and STEMI and Stroke when they come on-line.

- **Regional Reports**

- Reports from each region on its activities over the last quarter are contained within each member's handout package. No questions or concerns were raised.

- **Rules and Regulations Sub-committee Update**

- Ms. Kyle reported that the sub-committee has reviewed the draft of the re-formatted regulations which were sent to each member, and the sub-committee recommends approval by MTAC and adoption by the Board of Health.
- Dr. Miller gave a brief introduction on the necessity to format the regulations to meet the requirement of the Secretary of State's Administrative Code.
- Ms. Kyle briefly reviewed each of the chapters and highlighted the changes listed on the Summary of Changes. Motion to approve the draft regulations made by Dr. Carlton, seconded by Dr. Porter. Dr. Avara opened the floor to discussion of the changes. Mr. Kevin Holland, CEO of Singing River Hospital System (SRHS) and chairman of the Mississippi Hospital Association's Committee on Trauma made comments on Rule 1.2.15, Partial Capability. Mr. Bill Oliver, also representing MHA, made comments on the same rule, as did Mr. Jimmy McManus, Administrator, Southwest Trauma Care Region. Dr. William Dixon, Trauma Medical Director, Southwest Mississippi RMC, McComb, made comments on Rule 3.2.1, Required Clinical Components, specifically surgeon response time for Bravo activations. Dr. William Hickerson, Medical Director, Firefighters Regional Burn Center, Memphis, made comments on Rule 7.1.1, General requirements for burn centers. Minor explanatory changes were made to Rules 1.2.15 and 7.1.1. Motion passed to recommend adoption of the draft regulations to the Board of Health.
- Motion made by Dr. Porter, seconded by Mr. Howell, to thank Ms. Kyle, and the Rules and Regulations Sub-committee, for their efforts in re-formatting the regulations and developing the new pediatric trauma regulations. Motion passed.

- **New Trauma Center Designations**

- Dr. Miller reported that Field Memorial Hospital in Centreville, and Franklin County Hospital in Meadville were both re-designated for a three-year period as Level IV Trauma Centers.
- Educational visits at Garden Park Medical Center, Gulfport, and Central Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, have been completed as part of their application to be Level III Trauma Centers.
- The consultative visit by the American Burn Association for Crossgates River Oaks Hospital Burn Center is scheduled for October 4-5, 2011.

- **Requests for Consideration**

- Mr. Holland presented a request from SRHS to allow the Trauma Program Manager (TPM) at Singing River Hospital (Level II) to concurrently serve as the TPM at Ocean Springs Hospital. Ms. Gail Thomas, Administrator, Coast Trauma Care Region, stated that the region has reviewed the request and concurs. Motion made by Mr.
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Wilson, seconded by ?, to recommend to the State Health Officer to allow an exception to the regulations for SRHS to have a single TPM over both hospitals. Motion passed.

- Mr. McManus presented a letter from the Board of Directors of the Southwest Trauma Care Region requesting that any proposed changes to regulations be listed on the MTAC agenda and be made available for the region's review prior to passage. The committee chairman acknowledged the region's request.

- **Other items**

- Dr. Miller introduced the new Trauma Nurse Coordinator, Mr. Russ McGuffee. Mr. McGuffee will be working at the Central MSDH office in Jackson and was previously a Public Health nurse with District V.
- Dr. Miller addressed the lack of participation of Dr. Raul Pinon, who is the East Central Trauma Care Region representative to MTAC. Dr. Pinon was appointed to EMSAC and MTAC on September 16, 2010 (term ends July 1, 2013) and has not been present at a meeting of EMSAC or MTAC (his appointment was announced at the December 1, 2010 MTAC meeting however he was not present). The Board of Directors of the ECTCR has nominated a person to replace Dr. Pinon; Dr. Pinon has stated that he will not resign his appointment. Motion made by Dr. Porter, seconded by Dr. Frothingham, to recommend to the State Health Officer to replace Dr. Pinon with a person who will participate in EMSAC and MTAC. Motion passed.

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- **Adjourned at 1:33 pm-Next meeting scheduled for December 1, 2011**

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